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Employment to Youth
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide employment to youth through Digital India Programme;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has approved the 'Digital India' programme in August 2014 (formally launched on 1st July 2015) with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple Government Ministries and Departments and is being coordinated by DeitY.

Digital India aims to provide the much needed thrust to nine pillars of growth areas that is (i) Broadband Highways, (ii) Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, (iii) Public Internet Access Programme, (iv) e-Governance − Reforming Government through Technology, (v) e-Kranti− Electronic delivery of services, (vi) Information for All, (vii) Electronics Manufacturing − Target NET ZERO Imports, (viii) IT for Jobs and (ix) Early Harvest Programmes.

Under "Pillar 8: IT for Jobs" of Digital India programme, the Government of India is implementing schemes that aim to:

â€¢ train 1 Cr students from smaller towns & villages for IT sector jobs over 5 years.
â€¢ set up BPOs in every north-eastern state to facilitate ICT enabled growth in these states
â€¢ train 3 lakh service delivery agents as part of skill development to run viable businesses delivering IT services
â€¢ train 5 lakh rural workforce by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to cater to their own needs.

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